GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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OUT OF ORDER SOLAR TELEPHONHES
UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware that 99 percent Solar Telephone (run by solarenergy) are lying out of order in Yavatmal district of Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore ;

(c) the time by which these telephones are likely to be rectified ; and

(d) the investment made so far by the Government on these telephones ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No Sir. The percentage of faulty VPTs in Yavatmal district is 10%. The status is as follows:-

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Total  MARR VPTs   :   844
Faulty VPT   :      86
% of faulty VPT   :   10.18%
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(b)
(i) Improper keeping up of equipment by local VPT Holders.
(ii) Worn out batteries.
(iii) Broken solar panels.
(iv) Limited availability of Card repair facility.

(c) The faulty VPTs on MARR will be rectified within 3 months.

(d) The total investment made in Yavatmal district on MARR VPTs is approximately 8 crores.